



PARKSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BADGER CLASS LETTER
TERMS 3 & 4



Friday 14th January, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year! Badger Class have settled back into a new year with their learning. For the next two terms our topic will be Greece. In Term 4 we will have our class assembly - which I will confirm the date nearer the time - where the children can show you what they have been learning in class.
Mr King ☺

Terms 1 – Ancient Greece (part 1)



This term we will begin our two term topic on Ancient Greece.

For this History topic, we will learn when the ancient Greeks lived, and find out what life was like then by studying objects and artefacts. We will learn about the Ancient Greek civilization and its legacy is still important today with the Olympics, democracy, architecture, and culture.

Our Class Reader is Perseus and The Gorgon which will we read as a whole class to introduce us to some of the famous Greek myths. After listening to and reading some of these myths Badger Class will plan and write their own myths with heroes and scary mythological creatures.

Also, in English we will write newspaper reports based on some of the exciting events in these myths, for example, Perseus and Medusa.

In Maths, we will focus on written methods for multiplication and division. We will learn to multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers by a single digit and solve word problems, progressing to long division with remainders.

In Computing, we will use our programming skills in Scratch to sequence sounds to create a simple musical instrument.

In French, we will learn basic greetings, the numbers to 30 and how to talk about ourselves and our families.

Terms 2 – Ancient Greece (part 2)

In Term 4, we start to look at modern day Greece.

In English, we will write a non-chronological report on Greece. Then we will write persuasively to encourage tourists to visit Modern Day Greece by producing a travel leaflet.

For Geography, we will use maps and atlases to answer questions about the location of Greece in the world, and use grid references and the 8 points of a compass to locate places on a map. Also, we will discuss the similarities and differences between the landscape and climate of Greece and England.

In Art, we will create and design our own mythological creatures like the scary Gorgon Medusa or the multiple-headed Hydra. Then we will create our own ancient Greek vases out of clay and decorate them in the style of ancient Greek pottery.

In Music, we will learn about musical notation and use this knowledge to help us write and perform our own compositions.

In Science, our topic will be Animals Including Humans. We will learn all about the human body with a focus on digestion. We will learn about the five food groups and eating a balanced diet. Then, we will learn about the muscles and bones in the human body and why they are important.



Homework

Every week the children will be set **times tables** and **spellings** to practise at home for a short test that Friday. Children are also expected to **read for 15 minutes** at home at least five times a week.



Attendance: I would like to take this opportunity to remind you how important good attendance is for optimum learning and progress. At Parkside, we aim for 95% attendance or more to ensure our best possible learning is able to take place. It is also important that children arrive to school on time so they start their day in the best possible way and are ready to start their learning with the rest of their class.

Uniform:

This is a reminder that all children should be wearing the correct school uniform. This consists of: Parkside School jumper so children can take pride in our school logo (or a navy jumper/cardigan), a white shirt or blouse, grey/black trousers or a skirt (or short/summer dress when it is warmer) and black school shoes.

Badger Class Rules

We put our learning first, stay focused and do always do our best.

We keep ourselves and others safe and we are sensible at all times.

We look at listen to the speaker with 'one voice'.

We are kind and show respect to ourselves, others and things.

We follow the school values of REACH and our behaviour is GREAT.

Dates:

In Term 4, Badger Class will have their second class assembly to show some of their learning with you. This date will be confirmed nearer to the time.

There will also be a trip out of school to learn more about Ancient Greece – which will also be confirmed nearer the time.

PE

PE will be on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**. On these days, children will need to ensure they **wear their PE kits to school on these days** and not their uniform.

PE kits consist of dark shorts, coloured t-shirt (according to House colours) and plimsolls or trainers.

REACH for the Stars

Resilience

Effort

Aspiration

Courtesy

Honesty



Healthy snack and lunches

We are a healthy, nut-free school. All packed lunches should also be healthy e.g. a sandwich, yoghurt, a piece of fruit and a healthy snackbar.

If children wish to bring a break-time snack to school, it needs to be either fruit or veggie sticks.

If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss with me, please catch me after-school, or contact the school office to make an appointment with me after school.

Mr King.